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Subject: Microsoft Settlement with the Justice Department

To whom it may concern.

I would like to express my concern regarding the settlement with between Microsoft and the Justice Department on a few points. They are:

* The current settlement does not require Microsoft to provide access to their technology to the Open Source Forum, and restricts access to companies. This is very short-sighted since much of the alternate-Microsoft solutions are being developed in Open Source. Without access to the Microsoft technology, it will restrict alternate, competitive solutions.

* Microsoft HAS stifled innovation in the industry. I can assure you from my own personal experiences that very little innovation directed at the desktop can get venture funding over the past five years. The threat is that Microsoft will simply copy the technology and walk away with the business, just like what they did with Netscape and browsers.

* Personally, I feel that the proposals from the states in requiring Microsoft to deliver office on other platforms (including Linux) and delivering a "core" version of their Operating System makes incredible sense.

As you are looking into who will sit on the three member committee to review Microsoft, I would like to submit myself as a candidate. I've been involved in computer technology since 1979. My background includes Hardware, software, OS and Networking. I am nearing completion of my MBA at Clark University this spring, and I am currently a freelance Business and Marketing Consultant. I do feel it is important for a company to develop and build an environment for the delivery of software and technology for the masses, but it is critical that this environment is used to nurture innovation, not stifle it. I am including a copy of my resume for your reference. References are available on request.

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